

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MONITORING COMMITTEES FOR SEWAGE SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have constituted any monitoring committees of sewage system for different rivers of the country especially for Yamuna river in East Delhi and Noida;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any targets had been fixed for constituting monitoring committee of sewage management system by the year 1999;
- (d) if so, the details; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government so far to achieve the target?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (e) A Monitoring Committee under the Chairmanship of Member, Planning Commission exists since 1987 to monitor the progress of Ganga Action Plan and the National River Conservation Plan. The committee undertakes technical analysis and review of the progress made in the implementation of river Action Plan, identifies shortfalls and gaps in the implementation and suggests ways to improve/expedite implementation. A High Powered Committee was constituted in 1998 under the chairmanship of Member, Planning Commission to assess the problem of pollution created by the non-availability of minimum flow in river Yamuna and to suggest remedial measures. This committee in its efforts to maintain minimum flow in the river Yamuna also reviews and monitors the sewage systems set up and proposed in Haryana, UP and Delhi. Under the orders of the Supreme Court issued at different times, the following Committees were constituted: A Committee headed by Shri P.K. Kaul, former Cabinet Secretary, was set up on 6.1.1998 to consider the complaints and suggest remedial measures in a Public Interest Litigation case regarding conveying sewage from East Delhi colonies and its treatment. The Environment Pollution (Prevention & Control) Authority was directed on 4.5.2001 to monitor the implementation of the aforesaid P.K. Kaul Committee report. In compliance of the orders of the Supreme Court dated 9.9.2002, the Government suggested the Supreme Court that the monitoring of the P.K. Kaul Committee report in the National Capital Region may be appropriately undertaken by the Environment Pollution (Prevention & Control) Authority.